



District 29-L LIONS' RALLY ...

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2011—2012 CABINET:

DG — Patty Nutter
1st VDG — Robert Moffett
2nd VDG — Harrison Schramm
Secy/Treas — PDG Eva Dague
IPDG/Sight, Hearing, WVU
Liaison — Jeff Baxter

ZONE CHAIRPERSONS:

Zone 1—Brian Webster
Zone 2—PDG Mary Klages
Zone 3—Eugene Saunders
Zone 4—Arlene Amos
Zone 5—Deborah Delaney
Zone 6—Robin Sawitski
Zone 7—Thomas Riddle
Zone 8—Lowell McAfee

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY

CHAIRPERSONS:

Membership/Extension/
Retention — PDG Richard
McMillan
Leadership/Orientation—
PDG Eva Dague
Contest — Chris Doty
District Conference —
David Roberts
Deaf & Blind Recreation —
Barbara Baker
Information Technology —
Dave Ice
Diabetes Awareness /
LEHP — Aletta Moffett
LCIF & Special Projects —
PDG Paul Amrhein
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Argy Polsinelli
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and Julia Cooper
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Jamesie Beecroft
Tail Twister / Environmental —
Russell Flanigan
Youth Exchange — Paul Nutter
and Dave Elder

Message from District Governor Patty Nutter



Greetings to all Lions.

I wish each of you continued success as we complete this Lions year. I know that a lot of clubs have supported IP Tam's request to feed the hungry during December and January. He would like for us to do environmental projects in April. A special thanks to all Lions who have planted trees. We have almost reached our district goal of 1,000 trees.

OUR DISTRICT 29 L CONFERENCE is March 9-10 at the beautiful Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg. Our conference theme is "Lions on the River". We are so excited to be welcoming PID LION PATTI HILL from Canada as our honored guest and banquet speaker. I invite all lions to share in this event. She will be conducting a seminar on Saturday afternoon entitled "Striving for Excellence". Please send your reservations to Lion Dave Roberts, Conference Chairperson. (Reservation form enclosed with this newsletter). You may contact the Blennerhassett Hotel at 1.800.262.2536 for room reservations.

I would like to thank all cabinet members who attended our cabinet meeting on January 15th. I am so pleased and thankful for all you do. At our meeting, PCC Lion Steve Glass presented a program emphasizing membership and ways to improve our success rate at obtaining new Lion members. He also stressed the importance of new member involvement, orientation and making the new member feel like they are a part of a group who are making a difference in their community. Each Lion needs to invite at least one new member to be a part of our wonderful organization. Let's work together to get our membership numbers above 1250.

For District 29 L, membership information as of January 05, 2012 is 1239. Other membership data:

- Clubs without family members registered with LCI: 16
- Clubs without female members: 7
- Clubs with net gain through December 2011: 14

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WE BELIEVE IN SERVICE AND YOUTH





DG Patty's Message (continued)

- Clubs with net loss through December 2011: 14
- Clubs with the largest net gain through December 31, 2011 (2 or more):
Wellsburg +4; Pleasants Area +4; Moundsville +3, Elm Grove +2, New Cumberland +2, Sistersville +2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THESE CLUBS!!

- Clubs with no net gain or loss: 16
- 25 clubs are listed as filing their December report by the 31st.

Looking at this information, where can your club improve membership? Spring roundup is near. "Each club needs to do a spring roundup....if that would happen, we would have a good increase in membership through June 30, 2012...I **BELIEVE**" per quote from MD 29 Global Membership Chairperson, PDG John Pinkerman.



It is time for club presidents to appoint your nominating committee. Be sure that your PU 101 forms are completed as soon as your election is completed and send a copy to FVDG Bob Moffett. He will need this information to complete the district directory.

By the time you receive this newsletter, WV Lions Leadership School will be history. I hope a lot of you took advantage of this great learning experience.

Please mark your calendars for **May 4-6, 2012** for our **MD Convention**. It will be held at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown, WV.

Yours in Service,
DG Patty Nutter

DR. PATRICIA HILL, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007. Past Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Past Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Past Director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter and multiple forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Past Director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards, District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award, induction into the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired. Past Director Hill and her husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.



1st Vice District Governor Bob Moffett



“How's your attitude?” When I worked on the college campus, I had a friend, a member of the faculty, who would always greet me with that question. I do not recall a time when he greeted me with “Hello” or “How are you?” His greeting was nearly always, “How's your attitude?”

How is your attitude as a Lion? Are you positive and upbeat about your club's activities, fund raisers and membership prospects? Or do you find yourself taking the “I don't think this project will work” or the “We'll never get any new members in this community” point of view. Is your attitude at the right “latitude?”

My car dealership encourages me to bring my vehicle in regularly for a state inspection, tune-up or oil change . We need to “take ourselves in” regularly for an “attitude inspection” and if it's not where it should be, then we probably need a little “attitude tune-up” or even an “attitude change.” Our lives and our Lions clubs will run smoother. Norman Vincent Peale had this suggestion: “Start each day by affirming peaceful, contented and happy attitudes and your days will tend to be pleasant and successful.” That is very good advice.

Our attitudes are fully under our own control. We each have the opportunity to choose to be positive and affirming. We can choose to work hard on that Lions project or choose to invite that neighbor down the street. We can choose to be a part of the solution to any issue or problem. With our attitudes at the right latitude, we will find our service engines humming right along.

So then, “How's your attitude?”

Lion Bob

Lion Bob Moffett , First Vice District Governor
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Lion Julia Cooper of the Harrisville Lions Club, ringing bells for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. Many Lions throughout the District participated in this worthy project.



PADEN CITY and SISTERSVILLE DG visitation.

DG Patty recognized the pictured lions: James Menges 50 year Lion member; Lion Linda Leasure, President of the Sistersville Lions Club; Lion John "Hoppy" Hopkins, Secretary of the Paden City Lions Club.

Lion James was recognized for his years as a dedicated Lion. Lion President Linda and Lion Secretary Hoppy were presented IP Dr. Tam's pin and thanked for their many years of Lions service. Both clubs were recognized for their many community service projects and encouraged to continue to fulfill the lions motto "WE SERVE".



Pictured is FVDG Lion Bob Moffett with PCC Steve Glass from District I. PCC Steve spoke to the cabinet members and guest about membership growth and how to involve new members in our clubs. All clubs are asked to have a spring membership round-up for membership growth.



Shayni Vega won an essay contest sponsored by the International Lions Club that will allow her to take part in the Lions International Youth Exchange Program. Lion Russ Flanigan introduced Shayni by providing information such as her involvement in high school academics and sports. Now in her junior year of high school, she plays softball, has participated in about 8 plays since her freshman year, and she mentors freshmen. Shayni won the essay contest and for that will allow her to travel to Italy in mid-June for about 5 weeks. She will visit a camp for two weeks where she will participate in activities such as visiting a winery, go mountain climbing, travel to Naples or Rome, and a number of other activities. She will then spend about three

weeks with a host family. She will participate in the daily routines of the family members. Shayni is very excited about the trip to Italy and will return to the New Cumberland Lions Club in the Fall to present information about her trip. Shayni is pictured here with 1st Vice President Lion Richard Blackwell, left, and Lion Tail Twister Russ Flanigan.

Zone 5 Meeting ** February 4, 2012

Shoney's, Star City, 9:00 AM Breakfast (on your own), 10:00 AM Meeting,
Contact Lion Deborah Delaney (304)449-1579 or deborahdelaney1950@yahoo.com

Lions Club International
District 29-L Conference

“Lions on the River”

Friday and Saturday
March 9 and 10, 2012

Registration fee \$47.00 per person

Price includes: Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet
Friday and Saturday Entertainment
(Saturday Banquet Only ... \$30/person)

For Room Reservations
Contact: The Historic Blennerhassett Hotel
320 Market Street, (Downtown) Parkersburg WV 26101

Room reservations (800) 262-2536 www.blennerhassett.com
Room Rates \$79.00 Intermediate Double, Intermediate King \$89.00
(plus tax per night)
Rooms released after February 9th, 2012

Name(s) _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Club Name _____ District _____ L I O N

Address _____

Best phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

*Note: The Lions Club of Parkersburg will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary Friday evening. Reservations are \$25.00/person. Check made to Parkersburg Lions Club.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE FOR CONFERENCE TO: DISTRICT 29-L CONFERENCE

Mail to: Lion David Roberts
PO Box 1372
Parkersburg WV 26102

Questions/Concerns: phone 304 482-2410, office 304 428-3377, fax 304 482-3394
E-Mail: Parkersburgbenefits@suddenlink.net



FROM CABINET SECRETARY/TREASURER, PDG EVA DAGUE ...

District 29-L
Parade of Checks - March 2012

Club Name: _____

Our club is making the following contribution(s) to the parade of checks to be held at the District 29-L Conference:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Club Use</u>
WV Sight Conservation Foundation	_____	_____
LCIF	_____	_____
LCIF – Measles Initiative	_____	_____
Deaf & Blind Recreation	_____	
Diabetes Awareness/LEHP	_____	
Leader Dog	_____	
Leo Program	_____	
Lions Quest	_____	
Pilot Dog	_____	
Romney School Work Program	_____	
VIP Fishing Tournament	_____	
Youth Exchange	_____	
Total Contribution:	_____	

For club Melvin Jones or Leonard Jarrett, please designate that it is toward a club MJF or LJ, in the memo portion of your check. All undesignated funds will be used by the District Governor in naming Melvin Jones or Leonard Jarrett Fellows.

Please make checks payable to District 29-L. If you do not have a club representative attending the conference, please mail checks with this completed form to:

District 29-L, PDG Eva Dague, 105 Sandy Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

District 29 L Conference, March 9-10, 2012, Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg.

Conference Chairperson, Lion Dave Roberts.
Contact Lion Dave at: **H**/304-428-0088, **B**/304-428-3377, or **C**/304-482-2419
OR **E-MAIL** parkersburgbenefits@suddenlink.net for more information.



MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT * GM Chair, PDG Richard McMillan

Our year is half over and our membership numbers are going in the wrong direction. While reviewing membership, I have found that our numbers are down eleven — to 1243! It has also been reported that some significant drops have occurred since January 1st which will put us well below the 1250 members necessary to allow us to have an International Director, as well as other perks from Lions International. I do not expect a few clubs to reverse our numbers, but if every club will get one new member this spring, we can end our year with a net gain.

Membership growth is not as difficult as you think. If your club is doing worthwhile projects and you are telling the public about them, people will want to join you. It is up to you to ask them.

Some of our clubs are getting new members and I congratulate Wellsburg, Pleasants Area, Moundsville, Elm Grove, and New Cumberland for their net gain of two to four new members. We also have 16 clubs with a net loss, some as many as seven.

Earlier this year our Multiple District Global Membership Chair sent every club president a letter encouraging clubs to have a fall and spring round-up. It is now time to start your spring round-up. If you have a copy of the Ohio plan, that is a good place to start. If you need assistance I will be happy to come to a club meeting to help you start.

On the positive side, Vice District Governor Bob Moffet, GML Chair Eva Dague, and myself have been working on a new Lions Club at the high tech center in Fairmont. Plans are to have an organizational meeting the middle of February.

I would like to hear from club membership chairs. If you are interested, we can set a training day with Multiple District Global Membership Chair, John Pinkerman, to help you with membership growth.

PDG Richard McMillan, GM Chair

LION DAVE ICE, District IT Chairperson

Lions Clubs International has made web development within reach for any club wishing to take advantage of this opportunity. If your club wants to get involved in developing a web page, go to www.e-clubhouse.org and register your club, enter a user name of the person responsible for the upkeep of the information, and enter a password. The rest is easy. Fill in the information regarding your club and share your projects with the worldwide web.

It would be great to have more clubs posted on the District site. If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me at iceman9686@comcast.net and I will be glad to help.

Lion Dave Ice, IT Chair

LION CHRIS DOTY, Contest Chairperson

Fellow Lions,

I am having issues with my home computer; therefore, the Points Standings are not being published this month. Please do not be alarmed as I will go thru all mail (both e-mail and snail mail) and recalculate **ALL** club points before the next newsletter. The calculations printed in March will include both December AND January. I am sorry if this causes any confusion. If you have any questions, please contact me at 304-281-3088 or d29lcontest@gmail.com

Lion Chris, IT Chair

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DG Calendar

2/3 Harrisville Lions Club Pancake Dinner (4-7 pm)

2/14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to all Lions!

2/21 Ellm Grove DG Visit, 7 pm at Undo's Restaurant

3/9 Parkersburg Lions Club 90th Anniv. at Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg

3/9-10, 2012 District L Conference, Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg

3/19 West Liberty DG Visit at 7 pm

3/21 Wheeling Lions Club DG visit at Noon

3/22 Dallas DG Visit at 7:00 pm

5/4-6/12 MD STATE CONVENTION, Ramada Inn, Morgantown WV

DG PATTY'S GOALS

- ◆ Each Lions Club to have a net gain in membership (45 clubs)
- ◆ Extension: One new Lions Club; One new LEO Club
- ◆ Extension training workshop by October 30, 2011
- ◆ Each Lions Club to have one project involving youth
- ◆ 100% club participation in the **DAN DAGUE MEMORIAL CAR SHOW**
- ◆ Encourage clubs to support LCIF by increasing donations by 3%



Ellie Windom of Ritchie County Middle School Art Department received a donation from the Harrisville Lions Club, presented by Lion Julia Cooper.

Ellie does an excellent job working with the students on the Peace Poster project. She is the wife of Lion Scott Windom of the Harrisville Lions Club.



Clay Battelle High School had Leo Club Induction Ceremony on November 7, 2011. Officers are Mariah Dawson President; Danielle Dawson Vice-President; Rachel Cropper Secretary and Alec Statler Treasurer. Carolyn Kiger, Advisor



Middle School: Amanda Wolfe President; Hanna Tennant Vice-President; Chloe Corder Secretary and Sheridan Haught Treasurer. Advisor, Carolyn Kiger.



Induction of Officers of Ritchie County High School by Lion Julia Cooper, Leo Co-Chair

L-R Lion Julia Cooper;

President Gabrielle Simmons; Secretary Allison Edwards; Vice President Steve Hammond; Treasurer Payton Deveraux and Advisor Sharon Hardaway.

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www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 29
www.wvlions.org

District 29-L
www.lions29l.org

**WV Lions Sight
Conservation Foundation**
wvsight.org

We are nearly at our goal of planting 1,000 trees in District. 29-L. Thank you to all who have participated to date. Several clubs have indicated their projects are planned for Spring and/or in conjunction with Arbor Day activities. We are anxious to receive the report of your club's activity.

I want to remind all club presidents to let me know any updates or increase in the number of trees planted by your club. E-mail russflng@comcast.net or phone 304-387-1176.

I also want to remind all club secretaries to make sure you turn in the "Lions Service Activity Report" in your WMMR by May 1, 2012. This is a must if District Governor Patty can receive the "Believe" Award!!



Again I say, **THANK YOU !!!!**

Lion Russell Flanigan